manufacture selected products for export, provided they are willing to export 60 per cent of their production.

Guidelines for ensuring safety in Chemical Industries

758. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of guidelines issued by Government for ensuring safety in chemical industries;

(b) to what extent these guidelines have been followed by various chemical units; and

(c) what are the details of the action taken by Government against those units which have violated these guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Immediately after the Bhopal accident, a Conference of Labour Secretaries of State Governments/Union Territory Administrations was held. This was followed up by two more Conferences. On the basis of the recommendations of these Conferences, guidelines have been issued to all the State Goverments/Administrations to constitute task forces/expert committees to identify hazardous industries, to find out the safety standards in those units, to recommend appropriate measures for making those industrial establishments safe and to streamline the procedures, up-date the State Factory Rules in the light of the Model Rules framed under Factories Act, 1948 and also to essure that every factory which is carrying on hazardous processes is inspected regularly.

2. The requirements in the Factories Act regarding the appointment of safety officers have to be enforced strictly in all factories.

3. Goverment has also laid down some guidelines/action plan for making emergency plans and circulated the same to the State Administrations for taking further action for formulation of offsite emergency plans, in respect of all hazardous industries.

4. Apart from the above, Government also formulated a national programme for a co-ordinated action plan for control of hazards and protection of occupational health and safety of the workers in dangerous manufacturing processes. This has been circulated to all State Governments, Central Workers' and Employers' Organisations.

5. All the State Governments/Administrations have taken note of the advice of the Central Government and many of them have constituted Task Forces/Expert Groups to identify hazardous units and to ensure that safety standards are maintained in those units.

India's exports

759. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of India's total exports during the year 1984-85, 1985-86 and till July, 1986 and its percentage to the total world exports; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to step up exports?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) According to the latest data available from DGCI&S, india's exports during 1984-85, 1985-86 and April—June, 1986 are as under:—

(*Value : Rs. Crores*)

Year	India's Exports
1984-85	11855.15
1985-86	11005.91 (P)
April-June, 1986	2790.30 (P)

(P) Provisional and subject to revision. Source: DGCI&S, Cal.